

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 3 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

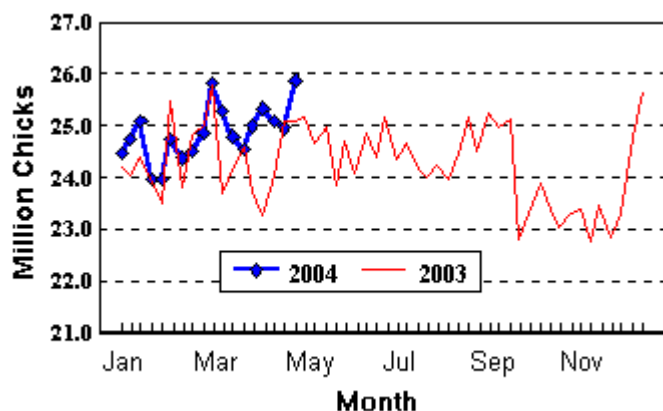
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 25.9 million during the week ending May 1, 2004. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2003, and up 4 percent from the revised previous week, and included 3.1 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through May 1, 2004 were 447.9 million, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 26.2 million, up 3 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.0 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.4 percent.

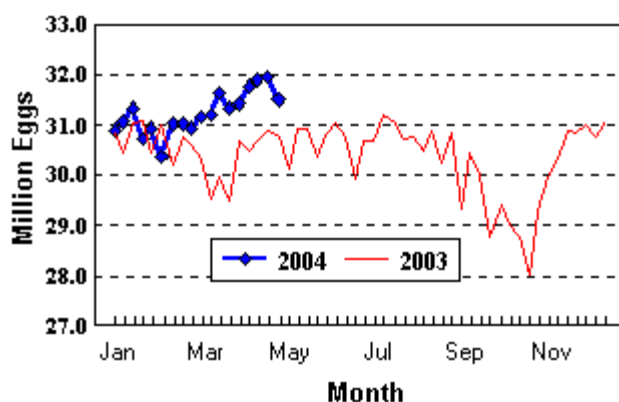
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.5 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending May 1, 2004, up 2 percent from the same period last year, but down 1 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Mar. 27	24,592	24,554	100	25,098	25,833	103	29,511	31,331	106
Apr. 3	23,750	25,018	105	24,422	25,848	106	30,672	31,453	103
Apr. 10	23,255	25,371	109	24,831	26,033	105	30,527	31,786	104
Apr. 17	24,054	25,120	104	24,651	25,899	105	30,670	31,899	104
Apr. 24	25,096	24,990	100	25,456	26,037	102	30,900	31,945	103
May 1	25,120	25,916	103	25,470	26,177	103	30,764	31,524	102

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2003-2004



EGGS SET, 2003 - 2004



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2004

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	10-Apr	17-Apr	24-Apr	01-May		27-Mar	03-Apr	10-Apr	17-Apr	24-Apr	01-May	
Alabama	30,353 *	30,883	30,956	30,795	107	21,787	21,846	21,649	21,798	21,935	22,043	104
ARKANSAS	31,786	31,899	31,945	31,524	102	24,554	25,018	25,371	25,120	24,990 *	25,916	103
Delaware	3,833	3,648	3,833 *	3,741	101	4,928	4,750	4,890	4,959	5,051 *	4,352	75
Florida	1,339	1,345	1,342	1,339	89	1,507	1,540	1,494	1,502	1,416	1,461	74
Georgia	33,220	33,291	33,174	32,862	103	25,683	26,963	25,506	26,269	26,238 *	27,127	103
Kentucky	6,723	7,193	6,898	7,169	102	5,760	5,801	5,751	5,894	6,002 *	5,946	112
Louisiana	3,966	3,980 *	3,984 *	3,998	108	3,870	3,778	4,043	3,414 *	3,796 *	3,730	92
Maryland	8,882	8,847	8,921	8,887	93	5,890	5,934	5,436	5,897	5,879 *	6,378	111
Mississippi	19,465	19,480	19,358 *	19,367	101	16,580	16,617	16,600	16,741	17,317 *	16,924	104
N. Carolina	19,020 *	19,070	18,921	18,736	99	14,615	15,120	15,060	15,076	14,916	15,391	102
Oklahoma	6,720	6,793	6,746	6,706	103	5,278	5,033	4,236	5,261	5,650	4,652	109
Pennsylvania	3,884	3,861	3,955 *	3,769	104	2,856	2,776	2,784	2,626	2,700 *	2,801	104
S. Carolina	3,783	3,768	3,748	3,759	77	4,714	4,179	4,526	4,367	3,998 *	3,715	104
Texas	15,359	15,346	15,351	15,336	102	12,413	12,504	12,529	12,666	12,844	12,821	102
Virginia	6,668	6,518	6,529	6,642	100	5,606	5,236	5,668	5,236	5,197	5,210	89
CA,MO,TN,WV	17,834 *	17,861	17,871 *	18,001	102	16,306	16,057 *	16,265 *	16,316 *	15,459 *	16,511	101
Total 2004	212,835 *	213,783 *	213,532 *	212,631		172,347	173,152 *	171,808 *	173,142 *	173,388 *	174,978	
Total 2003	209,276	208,865	207,999	209,166		169,739	167,995	169,177	168,183	172,080	172,351	
%Prev. Year	102	102	103	102		102	103	102	103	101	102	
Approximate Marketing Date 2004.....						15-May	22-May	29-May	05-Jun	12-Jun	19-Jun	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 213 million eggs during the week ending May 1, 2004. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 1, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through May 1, 2004 were 3.06 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.